

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
July 5, 2020

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 66:5, 6b, 8*

*Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for mankind!
Come, let us rejoice in him.
Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard.*

* **God's Greeting**

* ***Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Romans 12:1-3*

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

***Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.***

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,
but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *Isaiah 43:1-3*

*But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*

***When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.***

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

*** I Need Thee Every Hour**

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to Thee.

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*** Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-12, 27-31 (ESV)**

¹⁰ *An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.*
¹¹ *The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.*
¹² *She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.*
²⁷ *She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*
²⁸ *Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:*
²⁹ *"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."*
³⁰ *Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*
³¹ *Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.*

Ephesians 5:31-33 (ESV)

³¹ *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."*
³² *This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.* ³³ *However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Reflections on Four Decades of Marriage*

*** How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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*** God's Blessing**

Pastor: Robert W

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